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Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission
89 Jefferson Boulevard
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RE: Docket 5202 - 2022 Renewable Energy Growth Program Tariff and Rule Changes Responses to DIV Data Requests – Set 1

Dear Ms. Massaro:

On behalf of National Grid,¹ enclosed please find the Company's responses to the First Set of Data Requests issued by the Division of Public Utilities Commission in the above-referenced matter.

Thank you for your attention to this filing. If you have any questions, please contact me at 401-709-3337.

Sincerely,



Leticia C. Pimentel

Enclosures

cc: Docket 5202 Service List
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¹ The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (National Grid or the Company).

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DIV 1-1

Request:

Please identify whether National Grid provides Internal Revenue Service Form 1099s to Residential Customers enrolled in the RE Growth program.

Response:

It depends. National Grid issues Form 1099s to its residential customers that are receiving both performance-based incentive (“PBI”) cash payments and bill credits because the cash payments may be considered taxable income.

However, National Grid does not issue Form 1099s to its residential customers who are only receiving credits from a Community Remote Distributed Generation project, and no PBIs.

As stated in the Federal and State Income Taxes section of the National Grid Policies Regarding Reportable Income and The Rhode Island Renewable Energy Growth Program:

Bill credits provided to residential customers will not be reported as income because National Grid will not be procuring energy from such systems. Residential customers only receiving bill credits, and not receiving PBI payments as the Applicant, do not need to provide a W-9.

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DIV 1-2

Request:

1. If National Grid does provide 1099s to Residential Customers enrolled in the RE Growth program:
 - a) Please indicate when the practice began and what determines whether a 1099 is sent to a participating RE Growth Residential Customer.
 - b) Please identify the number of 1099s issued in each of the past five (5) program years and the number of residential customers in the program that did not receive a 1099.
 - c) Please identify the average dollar amount reported in total for each of the past five program years.

Response:

- a) This practice has been in place since the program’s inception. All residential customers owning a system enrolled in the RE Growth program must submit a W-9. Customers will receive a Form 1099 if they are PBI payment recipients, and their payments total at least \$600.00 or more per year. There are exceptions for corporations, non-profits and other legal entities; if a Payee is incorporated, for example, they will not receive a Form 1099 per IRS rules.
- b) The following data was collected based on which Residential projects received PBI payments totaling at least \$600 or more per year. Forms 1099 are only sent to Residential Customers whose PBI payments total at least \$600 or more:

Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Residential Customers that Received a 1099 Form	1218	2156	2858	3484	3904
Residential Customers that Did Not Receive a 1099 Form	791	928	785	687	1073

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c) The table below identifies the average dollar amount reported in total for each of the past five program years.

Year	Average Dollar Amount
2017	\$ 1,686.23
2018	\$ 1,499.03
2019	\$ 1,447.94
2020	\$ 1,492.62
2021	\$ 1,466.43